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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

On March 3, 2005, Applicants' application was published as Publication No. 2005/0048356. Applicants' attorney changed law firms effective March 1, 2006. To date, neither Attorney's former law firm nor Attorney's current law firm have not received any further communication from the U.S. Patent Office.

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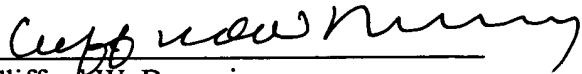
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Office Action on the merits of the application may be issued.

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